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1. The "Seegrenzpolizei" (Sea Border Police) of the GDR is the "Abteilung Kuestenschutz" (Coast Protection Department) in Stralsund which is subordinate to "Volkspolizei-Grenzbereitschaft (VPGB) Nord" (Garrisoned People's Border Police North) located on Dierkower Damm in Rostock. VPGB Nord is under the command of "Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Grenzpolizei" (Main Administration of the German Border Police) (HVDGP) in Berlin which itself belongs to the Staatssekretariat fuer Staatssicherheit (State Secretariate of State Security) (SFS) in Berlin. (Annex 1) 25X1

2. VPGB Nord is responsible for the patrolling of the Baltic coast of the GDR within the sphere [redacted] of the "East German Border Police". In addition to the "Abteilung Kuestenschutz" (Coast Protection Department), VPGB Nord controls

the "Kommandanturen" (District Headquarters) (Kdtr) in Wismar, Barth, Bergen and Bansin.

These District Headquarters control several "Kontroll-Passierpunkte" (Border Checking Points) (KPP) and "Kommandos" (Detached posts) in the coast area (Kdo), several schools and training establishments, and the Ribnitz Shipyard which is for the exclusive use of the Sea-Border Police (Annex 1). It is possible that the Kommando KPP has been converted into a Kommandantur which controls the area as far as Ahrenshop.

patrolling duties

3. The District headquarters assure the protection of the coast with their border checking points, patrol services and sentries, while the Sea Border Police perform their patrolling duties at sea with the vessels belonging to them. They are in particular responsible for the observation, surveillance and search of the incoming and outgoing vessels, as well as for fishery protection and the prevention of infiltration of agents from the west. Their field of activity comprises the coastal waters within the 3-mile zone. They were occasionally observed crossing the 3-mile zone and invading foreign territorial waters for example, when they were pursuing or exchanging information with vessels coming from western countries.

4. VPGB Nord has an estimated strength of 2,000 persons, including a sea border police force of about 550. (Annex 4)

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5. The Sea Border Police mainly employ Kuestensicherungs (KS)-Boote (coast protection boats) (KS boats), taken over from the "Deutsche Volkspolizei See" (German People's Sea Police) (DVPS), for service in the coastal waters. "Schnelle Motorboote" (fast motor boats) (S-boats) were recently added to this force and small craft of different design are available for harbor surveillance. Direct building orders for [redacted] placed (Annexes 2 [redacted]). The vessels [redacted] frequently changed and do not seem to have [redacted]

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6. The present organization of the Sea Border Police became effective in the spring of 1952 (Annex 3). All vessels carry a three-digit number preceded by letter "G" ("Grenzpolizei" Border Police). The respective distinguishing number is marked on each side of the bows. In Annex 3, the respective type of vessels, so far as known, is abbreviated as "KS" (Kuestensicherungsboot - Coast Protection Boat), "Hf" (Hafenboot - Harbor Boat), "S" (Schnelles Motorboot - Fast Motorboat), otherwise the type could not be determined. The "[redacted]istic two-digit letters), in use since August 1953, [redacted]els equipped with radio.

7. Only the major boats are equipped with radios. The KS boats also have a direction finder.
Warnemuende Radio Station at 6 a Strand[redacted], Warnemuende, is the radio control station for the coastal radio traffic of VPGB-Nord, and monitors and controls radio traffic of both shore and ship radio stations. (Annex 5). Traffic is dispatched in plain language or codes, sometimes by voice radio. The "call signals" are not coded; they simply indicate the importance of the priority of decoding of the messages for the signal transmitter's command headquarters. Urgent traffic is dispatched with "Gamma-Gamma" radio messages using signal code groups. (Annex 6)

8. Since October 1952, the Sea Border Police m[redacted] were military ranks similar to those in use with the DVPS [redacted]lice), viz.: Sailor, petty officer, chief petty officer; sub-lieutenant, lieutenant, lieutenant-commander, commander.
Rank and branch insignia are identical with those of the Sea Police.

9. The newly enlisted personnel receive general basic instruction at the DGP School (German Border Police School) in Bad Doberan. Subsequently petty officers and lower ranks of the Sea Border Police attend a seamanship or engineering course for five months in Wustrow, while the officers receive additional instruction at the officers' school of the Sea Border Police in Bergen on Ruegen Island.

10. The Ribnitz Shipyard is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the Sea Border Police vessels. No new vessels are built by this yard.

11. No permanent Soviet liaison officers are attached to the Sea Border Police units. On the other hand, Soviet officers occasionally visit the VPGB-Nord and sea border police units to gather information on their state of efficiency or to issue instructions.

12. The morale of the personnel seems to leave something to be desired. Political supervision, and spying, as well as distrust on the part of superior authorities and frequent imputations of sabotage, exert a depressing influence on the general mood of the personnel.

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Coast Protection Department

(Sea Border Police)

Staatssekretariat fuer Staatsssicherheit (SfS) Berlin

(State Secretariate of State Security)

Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Grenzpolizei (HVDGP) Berlin

(Main Administration of the German Border Police)

Volkspolizei-Grenzbereitschaft (VPGB) - Nord, Rostock

(Garrisoned People's Border Police - North, Rostock (VPGB)

Kdo.: Kommando (Detached posts)
KPP.: Kontroll-Passierpunkt (Border Checking Point)

Kdtr. Wismar (District Headquarters)

KPP. Wismar
Kdo. Barendorf
Kdo. Steinbeck
Kdo. Boltenhagen
Kdo. Tarnewitz
Kdo. Kirchdorf on Poel Island
Kdo. Rerik

Kdtr. Barth (District Headquarters)

KPP. Warnemuende
Kdo. Kuehlungsborn
Kdo. Heiligendamm
Kdo. Graal-Mueritz
Kdo. Dierhagen
Kdo. Ahrenshopp

KPP. Stralsund
Kdo. Darsserort
Kdo. Prerow
Kdo. Zingst
Kdo. Zuessow
Kdo. Barhoeft

Kdtr. Bergen (District Headquarters)

KPP. Sassnitz
Kdo. Altefaehr
Kdo. Vitte
Kdo. Dranske
Kdo. Wiek
Kdo. Arkona
Kdo. Lohme
Kdo. Sassnitz
Kdo. Binz
Kdo. Goehren
Kdo. Thiessow
Kdo. Insel Ruden

Kdtr. Bansin (District Headquarters)

Kdo. Greifswalder Oie
Kdo. Freest
Kdo. Kroeslin
Kdo. Wolgast
Kdo. Altwarp
Kdo. Bansin
Kdo. Heringsdorf
Kdo. Ahlbeck

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"Abteilung Kuestenschutz", Stralsund.(Stralsund Coast Protection Department). (Annex 2)

Werft Ribnitz (Ribnitz Shipyard).

Einweisungslehrgang fuer neu eingestelltes DGP-Personal, Bad Doberan. (Basic course of instruction for newly enlisted personnel).

Maschinen- und seemaennischer Gruppenfuehrer-Lehrgang fuer Unterfuehrer und Mannschaften, Wustrow. (Squad-leader courses for petty officers and lower ranks of the nautical and engineering branches in Wustrow).

Offizierschule fuer DGP, Bergen (Ruegen). (Officers' school of the Sea-Border Police in Bergen.

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Data on Vessels

	Dimension in Meters Length	Beam	Draft	Armament	Radio	Propulsion Plants	Speed in Knots	Complement Officers	Petty Officers	Lower Ranks
Coast protection vessels (KS-boats)	28.0	4.5	1.6	Two 20-mm (twin barreled) guns forward; one 2-mm gun aft, one submachine gun, five carbines, five P 38 pistols. Ammunition room protected by steel bulkhead 30 mm thick	Range 30 miles; D/F	Ju-engine, (six cylinders), 600 hp, two auxiliary Diesel engines, each 54 hp	18 - 20	3	9	5
Habor boat (Hf)	13.5	2.5	0.75	One Mark 44 submachine gun, one P/38 pistol	-	H 3 A-type 130 hp engine with reverse gear	12 - 13	0	2	4
Fast motor boat (S)	9.5	2.25	0.65	One heavy Maxim-type machine gun, two Mark-44 submachine guns, one P/38 pistol	-	One twelve--cylinder Mayback (tank--type) engine with reverse gear. Gasoline/benzol 60/40 percent mixture fuel	22	0	2	4
Cutter	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2	3
New-type ~~under~~ construction at Yachtwerft (yachtbuilding yard) in Koepenick	32 (shell 8 mm thick)	-	-	-	-	Two 2,500 hp engines (mercedes type?)	-	-	-	-
Revenue Cruiser	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	3

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Location of the Vessels

Base	Designations	Radio Call Signal
Wismar	(KS)	nrg
	(KS)	nsg
	(S)	
Warnemuende	(KS)	nfg
	(KS)	npe
	(S)	
	(S)	
	(S)	
	(S)	
Vitte	(S)	
	(S)	
	(Hf)	
	(Hf)	
Sassnitz	(KS)	nea
	(KS)	nmb
Stralsund	(KS)	nnc
	(KS)	nod
Freest (near Peenemuende)	(KS)	lba
	(KS)	lac
Ribnitz		

Other vessels were seen in:

Zingst	(1 S, 1 cutter)
Barhoeft	(3 S)
Thiessow	(1 Hf)
Insel Ruden	(2 S)
Wolgast	(2 revenue cutters)
Bansin	(2 Hf, 2 S)

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Personnel Strength

Stralsund, staff	Chief:			Kptlt. Gervasi			
	Political Commissar:			K.Kpt. Gruenberg			
	Engineer Officer:			Ult. Schulz			
Total Strength:	3 officers		2 petty officers		32 lower ranks		
Garrisons:							
Wismar	6	"	30	"	34	"	
Warnemuende	9	"	38	"	38	"	
Zingst	-	"	4	"	7	"	
Barhoeft	-	"	6	"	12	"	
Vitte	-	"	8	"	16	"	
Sassnitz	6	"	26	"	26	"	
Thiessow	-	"	2	"	4	"	
Stralsund (including personnel reserve)	9	"	33	"	93	"	
Ruden	-	"	4	"	8	"	
Freest	6	"	18	"	10	"	
Wolgast	6	"	12	"	6	"	
Bansin	-	"	12	"	24	"	
	45 officers		195 petty officers		310 lower ranks		

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Uncoded Name	Radio Call Signal
Radio control station Warnemuende	DOEA
Emergency radio control station "Insel Ruden"	
Radio station Bansin	DOEC
Radio station Rostock	DOEB

Hauptverwaltung der Deutschen Grenzpolizei (HVDGP)
Main Administration of German Border Police

Head:

Deputy:

Chief of staff

Volkspolizei-Grenzbereitschaft-Nord (VPGB)
Garrisoned People's Border Police North

Commanding officer

Chief of staff

Deputy Political Commissar

Abteilung Kuestenschutz
Coast Protection Department

Head

Deputy Political Commissar

Chief of staff

Signal officer

Engineer officer, Department

To all

Operations staff
Coast protection department

Wismar Squad Leader

Warnemuende Squad Leader

Stralsund Squad Leader

Sassnitz Squad Leader

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Special Code Groups (in alphabetical order) for Gamma-Gamma radio messages

"Gamma-Gamma" radio messages are provided for urgent traffic and are given priority over any other radio messages. The following groups have become known:

ABC	I have engine trouble	EAG	Rostock
ACC	I have steering trouble	EBG	Warnemuende
ADC	Ship leaking wing to	ECG	Stralsund
AEC	I have fire aboard	EDG	Wismar
AFC	I had collision with	EEG	Sassnitz
AGC	I struck bottom	EFG	Greifswald
AHC	Ship aground	EEG	Tarnewitz
AIC	I was shelled	EHG	Wolgast
AQC	Damage reparable with ships own means	EIP	Peenemuende
ASC	Needing urgent assistance	EJG	Heringsdorf
ATC	I am beaching my boat	EKG	Zinnowitz
AWC	Going quickly, abandoning ship	ELG	Freesendorf
BAD	I sighted	EMG	Der Ruden
BBD	I was fired on by	ENG	Riems
BCD	I fired on	EOG	Greifswalder Oie
BDD	My boat was stopped	EPG	Goehren
BED	Boat could not be stopped	EQG	Hiddensee
BFD	Boat was taken into	FSH	Cramm
BKD	Boat was not sighted	FTH	(square meters)
BLD	Boat was sunk	FUH	(... in number)
BOD	I am putting into	FVH	10
BPD	I entered into	FWH	100
BQD	I left port	FXH	1000
BRD	I am riding at anchor		
BSD	I am weighing anchor		

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